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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC PROGRAM

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1. HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY DR. RAFIK SUWAILEM, UNDERSECRETARY OF MINISTRY FOR ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (MEEC), THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING OFFICIAL GOE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTELS. WORKING WITH GROUP OF DESIGNATED OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND CENTRAL BANK, SUWAILEM EXPECTS TO PUT ARABIC DRAFTS OF MATERIAL IN HANDS OF MINISTER SHAFEI (MEEC) TONIGHT FOR HIS REVIEW AND APPROVAL, PRESUMABLY WITH CONCURRENCE OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, DR. ABU ISMAIL.

2. WE HAVE URGED THAT MATERIAL BE PROVIDED US TOMORROW, SUNDAY, MAY 4, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AND HAVE ARRANGED MEETING WITH MINFIN OFFICIALS FOR NOON TOMORROW TO DISCUSS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ISSUES.

3. IN VIEW NEED FOR APPROVAL BY MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND MEEC AND FOR TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN RE PRECISE TIME MATERIAL REFLECTING OFFICIAL GOE POSITION WILL BE GIVEN TO US, BUT WILL CONTINUE PRESS EGYPTIANS EXPEDITE COMPLETION.
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